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Non-emergency clinic opens

Quick care. The first of eight new clinics will be open evenings, weekends and holidays and staffed by nurses and nurse practitioners

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The Province of Manitoba is touting faster diagnosis and care for patients suffering minor ailments with the opening of a unique clinic in Winnipeg's North End.

Health Minister Theresa Oswald was on hand to officially open the first of eight nurse and nurse practitioner run facilities dubbed QuickCare clinics at Win Gardner Place on McGregor Street Tuesday.

"This really is designed to deflect people with non-emergency situations from going to an emergency room," said Oswald after the announcement. "Today people are going to the emergency room and because their situation is minor they go to the end of the list."

QuickCare staff will be able to deal with issues ranging from bumps, bruises and sprains to colds, the flu, infected cuts and minor sores. They'll also be trained to dole out immunizations among other basic care needs.

Progressive Conservative health critic Myrna Driedger said while opening the clinics is a good idea, the NDP had originally promised to have them open by last fall, adding time is of the essence for health care in the province.

"I'm optimistic about the role nurse practitioners can play in health care, but it's too bad the government dragged their heels on this because it's pretty desperately needed."

More QuickCare clinics to come

- Four more QuickCare clinics are scheduled to open this year in Steinbach, Selkirk, St. Vital and St. Boniface.
- Three others in west Winnipeg, Seven Oaks and Southdale are planned for the coming years.
- The clinics will be open from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and weekends and holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Health Minister Theresa Oswald speaks at the launch of Manitoba's first QuickCare clinic at Win Gardner Place on McGregor Street Tuesday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Tories and family want inquest into mom's death

Hospital sent 68-year-old home in a cab without her house keys, where she collapsed on the stoop and died the next day
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Budweiser blessing works its charm

The official fan brew of the Winnipeg Jets is almost sold out just one week after it hit the shelves of local liquor marts
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News in brief

Cool runnings

Prince Harry bolts forth in a race with the world's fastest runner in Jamaica on Tuesday. Watch the "race" at metronews.ca/video.

On the Web

How is social media affecting teens? The Hanging Out Online Project explores issues teens face while using tech. Scan the code for the story.

Child's death

Witnesses to lead off Sinclair inquiry

Witnesses who were involved first-hand in the case of a little Manitoba girl who spent most of her short life in foster care will be first to testify at an inquiry into her death.

The hearing into how Phoenix Sinclair died isn't set to start until July, but wrangling had already begun Tuesday over what details the public would hear first.

Lawyers for child welfare agencies argued the inquiry should lead off with internal government reports that came out after Phoenix's death was discovered in 2006 — nine months after the five-year-old died from prolonged abuse at the hands of her mother and step-father.

The lawyers argued the reports, which have not been made public, would present the public with a full picture of what happened since they include the circumstances surrounding Phoenix's death.

Commissioner Ted Hughes says he would rather hear from witnesses before examining internal reports.

The inquiry is to start hearing testimony on July 4 and is expected to hear from about 150 witnesses.

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Phoenix Sinclair. SUPPLIED

Giselle makes her appearance at Centennial Concert Hall

Principal dancer Vanessa Lawson and guest artist Jared Matthews go through a scene from the second act of Giselle on Tuesday afternoon. Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet presents the haunting ballet at the Centennial Concert Hall March 7-11. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Liberals quell talks of merger with Greens

Party politics. A meeting Monday night raises more questions about how much the provincial liberals are struggling.

Officials in the Manitoba Liberal Party tried to quell internal dissent in a three-hour meeting late Monday night.

They ruled out a merger with the Green Party that their leader had discussed, and suspended two directors who had talked about the issue.

"We're not muzzling the leader," party president Bernd Hohne said after the meeting.

"We're just clarifying that ... a merger or alliance was never on the table."

The clarification was the latest attempt to straighten mixed messages that have emerged from the Liberal camp. Last week, Liberal Leader Jon Gerrard said the party was looking at a range of options for greater co-operation with the Greens, and pointed to an alliance such as the Liberal-Progressive joint government of the 1930s as a possibility.

While Hohne insists that a political merger was not being discussed, some Liberals said Gerrard indeed pushed for some type of formal joining of forces with the Greens in an internal meeting last month.

Harry Wolbert and Sandra Hoskins, members of the party's board of directors, had their Liberal membership temporarily suspended.

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Seats

- The Liberals have been struggling to remain on the political map in Manitoba. They were reduced to one legislature seat in last October's election and are struggling to pay off campaign debts.
- The Greens have no legislature seats, but garnered 2.5 per cent of the popular vote in the election.

Public health care. PCs, family want inquiry after mother's death

The family of a woman who died shortly after being released from a Winnipeg hospital and the opposition Progressive Conservatives are asking for an inquest into the woman's death.

Heather Brenan, 68, lost consciousness on her doorstep and died the following day after she was sent home from Seven Oaks hospital Jan. 27 in a taxicab with no house keys, according to a PC news release Tuesday.

"The critical incident review won't publicly release its findings — providing no closure for the family and no assurances to the public that health care delivery will be improved in the wake of this fatal incident, said PC Health Critic Myrna Driedger." SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Criticism

"The automatic reviews that the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority is conducting do not go far enough."

PC Health Critic Myrna Driedger

Thefts and robberies

Traffic stop results in year's worth of charges

Police have a man in custody who they say has been involved in a number of thefts and robberies around Winnipeg dating back nearly a year.

Officers picked up the suspect Monday when they noticed a pickup truck in the area of Princess Street and Higgins Avenue with a suspended registration.

Colin J. Busko, 47, has been charged with robbery with a firearm, theft, and unauthorized possession of a weapon.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Fan favourite. Budweiser Jets brew on the verge of a sellout: Spokesperson

Just a week after it made its way into local liquor marts, the official fan brew of the Winnipeg Jets is nearly sold out.

A spokesperson for Budweiser said the Winnipeg Jets Fan Brew is 90 per cent sold and expected to sell out by the end of the week.

"(We've had) requests coming in from as far away as PEI and Atlanta," said the spokesperson.

Dan Chubey, district sales manager with Labatt Breweries (who make Budweiser in Canada) said this is the first time they've done something this targeted before.

The brew was made from water collected from various iconic spots and poured into large containers. Those containers were then taken around Winnipeg to be "blessed" by Jets fans by pouring their good thoughts and energy into the water. ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Bradley Williams, 3, looks on as his dad votes during Super Tuesday.
VINO WONG, THE ATLANTA JOURNAL & CONSTITUTION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Santorum gives Romney run for money

GOP. Rivals slug it out in 10-state race that will help decide the Republican party's presidential candidate

Mitt Romney and his closest rival for the Republican presidential nomination, Rick Santorum, had each taken three states on so-called Super Tuesday by press time, the biggest single day in the race and one the front-runner was hoping would catapult him beyond the reach of his opponents.

Romney crushed the competition in Massachusetts, where he served as governor for four years, and also handily won Virginia and Vermont.

Santorum, meantime, won in Tennessee and Oklahoma where his stances on hot-button issues play well with those states' Christian evangelical voters, and in North Dakota, where energy is a big issue and the economy is booming thanks to the discovery of the oil-rich Bakken Shale deposit.

"We have won in the West, the Midwest and the South and we're ready to win across this country," Santorum said in a victory speech after taking his two states, pointing out that Romney vastly overspent him in every jurisdiction. "In every case, we overcame the odds."

Romney addressed supporters in Boston in a victory speech on his win in Massachusetts.

"I'm not going to let you down; I'm going to get this nomination," he told the crowd. "We're going to take your vote, this huge vote in Massachusetts, and take that victory all the way to the White House."

He acknowledged that the path to Super Tuesday hadn't been easy.

"It's been a long road getting to Super Tuesday, I've got to be honest," he said before proceeding to congratulate Santorum and Newt Gingrich on their own successes.
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Romney on Iran:

"The president speaks of common interests. Let me be very clear about this: We do not have common interests with a terrorist regime."
Mitt Romney, GOP presidential hopeful

Murder case

Tori Stafford's last day alive revealed to jury

On the last day of Victoria Stafford's life, the eight-year-old used a computer to research plants, got her tights wet by jumping in puddles, and had a time out for goofing around, her teacher testified Tuesday.

She later vanished after leaving school on April 8, 2009 and her body was found in garbage bags under a pile of rocks in a field more than 100 kilometres from her home in Woodstock, Ont.

The Crown alleges Michael Rafferty and Terri-Lynne McClintic, who has already pleaded guilty to first-degree murder, snatched Tori outside her school and, within hours, sexually assaulted and killed her.

Rafferty is now on trial, having pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.
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Slippery slide

Train spills tons of potash in New Brunswick

A freight train carrying potash derailed early Tuesday at a New Brunswick rail yard, spilling some of its load.

The Canadian National Railway was moving 37 railcars to a potash terminal in Saint John when the train derailed at around 12:30 a.m., the New Brunswick Southern Railway said in an email. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No torture, please

Rights group demand feds recall torture rule

Amnesty International Canada wants the federal government to withdraw a directive permitting Canada's spy agency to share information even when there's a real risk it will lead to torture.

In a public letter the group says the policy violates Canada's international obligations to prevent torture. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PETA lovers take neuter campaign to the next level

PETA campaigners dressed up as giant condoms encourage Haligonians along Spring Garden Road to spay or neuter their pets on Tuesday afternoon. PETA members from Ottawa are touring cities in Atlantic Canada to spread their message.
RYAN TAPLIN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sex. Suburban mom or madam — she's jailed on a $2-million bond

Is Anna Gristina a mom — or a madam?

Prosecutors say she's an arrogant, multimillion-dollar head of a prostitution ring.

They say she has boasted of ties to law enforcement and has stashed cash to flee if authorities close in on her.

But Gristina's advocates portrayed her Tuesday as a dedicated suburban mom, animal rescuer and former real estate broker who was working on building an online dating service.

The reality is Gristina is jailed on a seven-figure bail on a single charge of promoting prostitution.

Millionaire?

• Prosecutors say Gristina was heard to claim during a five-year investigation that she'd made millions of dollars over about 15 years of arranging trysts.

"A caring mother of four has been slapped with a $2 million bond" one of her lawyers, Peter Gleason, said after a New York judge refused Tuesday to lower the bail.

Gristina, a bespectacled 44-year-old Scottish immigrant, has pleaded not guilty.

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California

Cannon blast kills woman

A 33-year-old woman died Tuesday after a home-made cannon blew a projectile into a mobile home in a remote California community.

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Moldova

Pedophiles face chemical penalty

Foreigners convicted of sexually abusing children in Moldova will be chemically castrated, according to new legislation approved Tuesday.

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Historic Metro contest will send reader to space

The SXC Lynx spaceship carries two people — the pilot-astronaut and a passenger. ALEX STOKES/FOR METRO

World-beater. Global jury will pick winner of incredible flight

One of our readers will reach the highest of heights — Metro is the first newspaper to send a contest winner to space.

The Metro Race for Space 2012 competition is global, and the prize is the stuff dreams are made of.

Ours is the first generation to have the opportunity to explore space as a tourist, and a Metro reader will be one of the first to do it.

What will it be like?

At 60,000 metres the curvature of the Earth can be seen, surrounded by the black void of outer space.

To prepare for the weightlessness, the contest winner will be required to undergo two to four days of training in the Netherlands.

The SXC Lynx takes off from Curaçao in the Caribbean for a one-hour flight.

Participants are required to complete a quiz and submit an inspiring proposal.

In addition to the global winner, a local winner will receive a secondary prize.

The local winner will be selected based on the highest number of Facebook "likes."

The global winner — the person who gets to go into space — will be selected by a global jury that includes Metro International members. They will conduct in-depth interviews.

The winner must be 18 years old by liftoff in 2014.

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Louise White STEW MILNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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It never occurs to me, until halfway into the argument, that it's not going to happen anyway and I'm getting all red in the face for nothing, when there are lots of more important things I could get red in the face about.

Still, consider LeRoy and Deborah, Louise's son and daughter-in-law. LeRoy and Deborah didn't even have to fork over two bucks to buy the ticket, and now they're the beneficiaries of Louise's good fortune. I wonder if they ever had the argument. My wife is aware of my vulnerable position. "No money for you," she warns.

Fair warning: The odds of winning the Lotto Max are much better than winning the Powerball. Only one in 85,900,584. More than twice as likely. Of course, the odds of being struck by lightning are only 2.3 million to one. The odds of being hit by an ice-cream delivery truck full of rainbow sherbet are only one in 625.

Which reminds me to look both ways before I cross the street. On my way to the lottery kiosk.

Usain, is this how you do it?

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World's fastest

Strike a pose

KINGSTON, JAMAICA. It's practice makes perfect for Prince Harry as the third-in-line to the British throne tries to copy the signature victory pose of sprint star Usain Bolt at the University of the West Indies track.

Harry, 27, is touring the Caribbean as part of the Diamond Jubilee. **MWN**

A race to the finish

Prince Harry wins

RACE. The prince got off to a false start and was about 50 metres down the track as Bolt lifted his arms in mock disbelief.

Harry kept on running to cross the finish line. "He cheated," Bolt said. "I said we would have a rematch in London 2012 and Harry said, 'I'm busy.'" **MWN**

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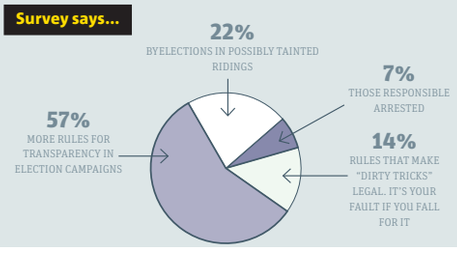
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@LaurenK87: I'm sick of your letters informing me you have clients looking for a house like mine. Your persistence is irritating. #Winnipeg

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Ponzi scheme. RBC settlement to reimburse half of victims' losses

Scores of people defrauded in a high-profile Quebec pyramid scheme will be reimbursed for roughly half of what they lost, thanks to an out-of-court settlement announced Tuesday.

Victims of financial fraudster Earl Jones reached the $17-million settlement in their class-action lawsuit with the Royal Bank of Canada, the bank said.

The sum represents just under half the amount of $40 million that victims had been seeking in their lawsuit.

"(This) is the result of many months of discussion between RBC and the class-plaintiffs and seeks to address some of the financial difficulties the class-plaintiffs faced as a result of entrusting Mr. Jones with their financial affairs," a statement said.

The bank added that the proposed settlement amount will not be final until the court-approval process is completed and is not material to RBC earnings.

Jones ran a Ponzi scheme in which many of his former clients were friends or family and people he met through word-of-mouth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Natural gas: $2.36 US (no change)
Dow Jones: 12,759.15 (-203.66)

Sweet treats go high-tech

A new 24-hour cupcake "ATM," an automatic machine that will be continuously restocked to dispense fresh cupcakes, is tested at Sprinkles Cupcakes in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Monday. The machine features a touchscreen and a robotic arm that pulls the right flavoured cupcake from a wall of single-serving boxes inside the store. The bakery is launching the first high-tech vending machine Tuesday, with three more in the works for New York City by the summer. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Debt deal

Greek banks agree to bond-swap deal

Greece's government on Tuesday said the country's six major banks have agreed to participate in a bond-swap deal, a move likely to relieve financial authorities as a deadline looms. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Workers' win

Singapore maids to get day off

Maids in Singapore will soon get something that many people around the world take for granted: a day off. Starting next year, maids must receive one day off a week or compensation to work that day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pipeline proposal

New Keystone route in works

A new route for the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline through Nebraska should be ready within weeks with "relatively modest" changes, TransCanada executive Alex Pourbaix said Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Financial fraud

Tycoon convicted in Ponzi scheme

Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford was convicted Tuesday on all but one of the 14 counts he faced for bilking investors out of more than $7 billion in a massive Ponzi scheme he operated for 20 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Apple is set to unveil its iPad 3 at an invite-only event today. Metro has teamed up with Mike Yawney, the technology specialist with Citytv, to bring you the latest from the event. Visit metronews.ca/apple to follow Yawney as he tweets live from the announcement.

On the Web

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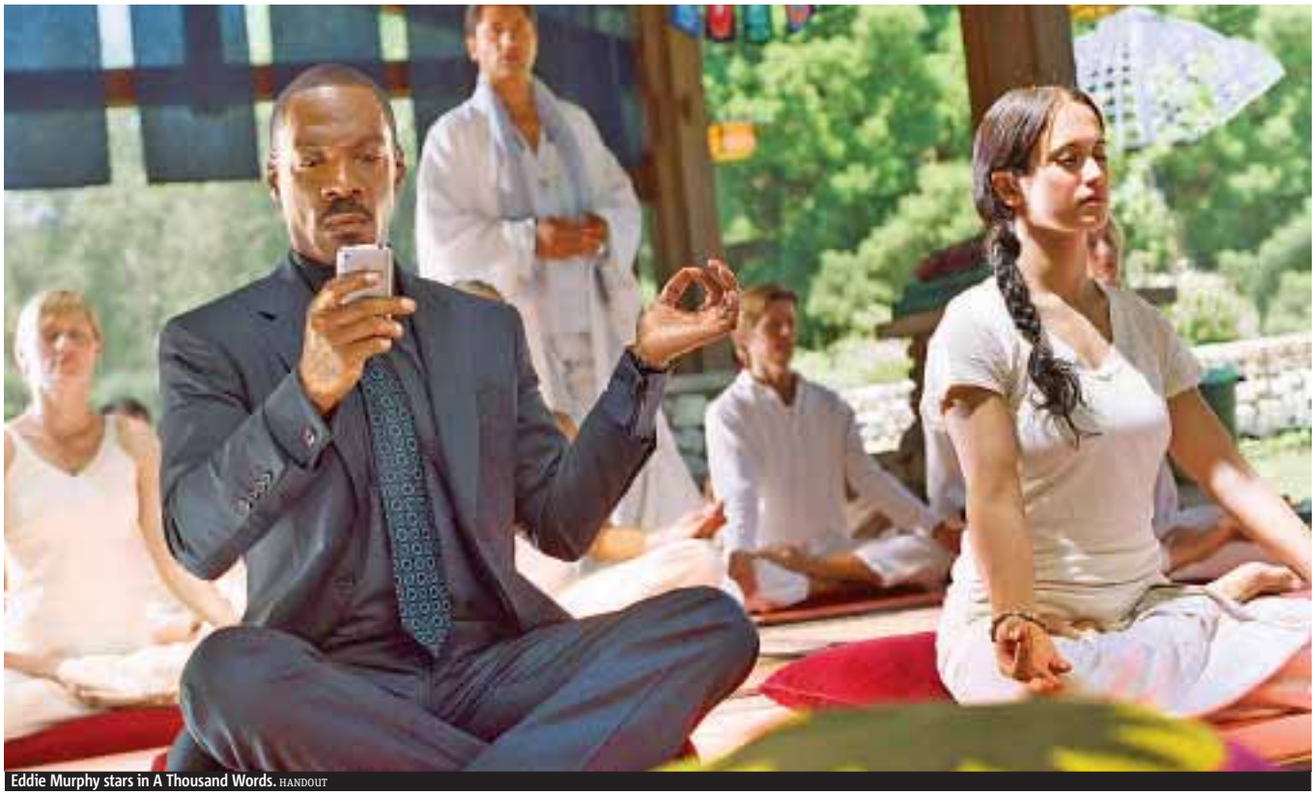

Eddie Murphy stars in A Thousand Words. HANDOUT

Going gaga for gurus

Spiritual humour. Comedy mixed with spirituality can work if done well — or prove toxic for both audiences and critics

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What do spiritual gurus and comedy have in common? More than you might think.

Deepak Chopra, possibly the world's most famous guru, says, "When your soul responds to the paradox of our existence, to the contradictions of our existence, to the fact that wherever there is joy there is suffering, when your soul recognizes this, it can do nothing except laugh."

In other words, chuckle — it's good for your soul.

These are words to live by, particularly if you are Eddie Murphy in A Thousand Words, opening this weekend. In this comedy, Murphy plays a shady literary agent who cheats a spiritual guru in a business deal. His punishment teaches him the value of every word that comes out of his mouth.

A Thousand Words isn't the first comedy to go gaga for gurus.

In the 1968 counter-culture hit I Love You, Alice B. Toklas!, Peter Sellers plays a 30-something who visits a maharishi for enlightenment. "You will know yourself when you stop trying," he is told. "I'm trying to stop trying," Sellers replies.

A year later came The Guru, a movie that echoed the real-life musical journey of Beatle George Harrison's internship with Ravi Shankar. Michael York starred as a famous British rock 'n' roller who travels from London to Bombay to study sitar at the feet of guru Ustad Zafar Khan.

Director James Ivory (who along with producer Ismail Merchant would go on to make Howard's End and The Remains of the Day) called The Guru "the most unseen and mysterious of our movies … Merchant Ivory's version of a '60s trip."

Sharing a title is the 2002 Jimi Mistry film about a young Indian man who moves to New York with dreams of becoming an actor but instead becomes a sex guru who doles out catchphrases such as, "the most powerful sexual organ is your brain."

In The Love Guru, Mike Myers mixed gross-out humour with spiritualism, a combo that proved toxic for both audiences and critics.

Even Mike's own guru agreed it flopped. "Humour mixed with spirituality can work, if it's done well," Deepak Chopra, who has a cameo in the film, said. "But frankly speaking, this was not a good attempt."

So what exactly do gurus and comedy have in common?

Myers says he learned from Chopra that "ha ha" is related to "ah ha," the sound one makes upon the realization of truth." Maybe it's that simple.

YOU'RE MORE LIKELY TO GET STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

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It never occurs to me, until halfway into the argument, that it's not going to happen anyway and I'm getting all red in the face for nothing, when there are lots of more important things I could get red in the face about.

Still, consider LeRoy and Deborah, Louise's son and daughter-in-law. LeRoy and Deborah didn't even have to fork over two bucks to buy the ticket, and now they're the beneficiaries of Louise's good fortune. I wonder if they ever had the argument. My wife is aware of my vulnerable position. "No money for you," she warns.

Fair warning: The odds of winning the Lotto Max are much better than winning the Powerball. Only one in 85,900,584. More than twice as likely. Of course, the odds of being struck by lightning are only 2.3 million to one. The odds of being hit by an ice-cream delivery truck full of rainbow sherbet are only one in 625.

Which reminds me to look both ways before I cross the street. On my way to the lottery kiosk.

Usain, is this how you do it?

GETTY IMAGES

World's fastest

Strike a pose

KINGSTON, JAMAICA. It's practice makes perfect for Prince Harry as the third-in-line to the British throne tries to copy the signature victory pose of sprint star Usain Bolt at the University of the West Indies track.

Harry, 27, is touring the Caribbean as part of the Diamond Jubilee. **MWN**

A race to the finish

Prince Harry wins

RACE. The prince got off to a false start and was about 50 metres down the track as Bolt lifted his arms in mock disbelief.

Harry kept on running to cross the finish line. "He cheated," Bolt said. "I said we would have a rematch in London 2012 and Harry said, 'I'm busy.'" **MWN**

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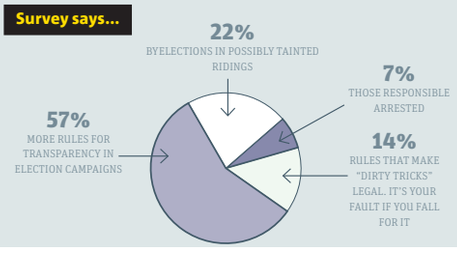
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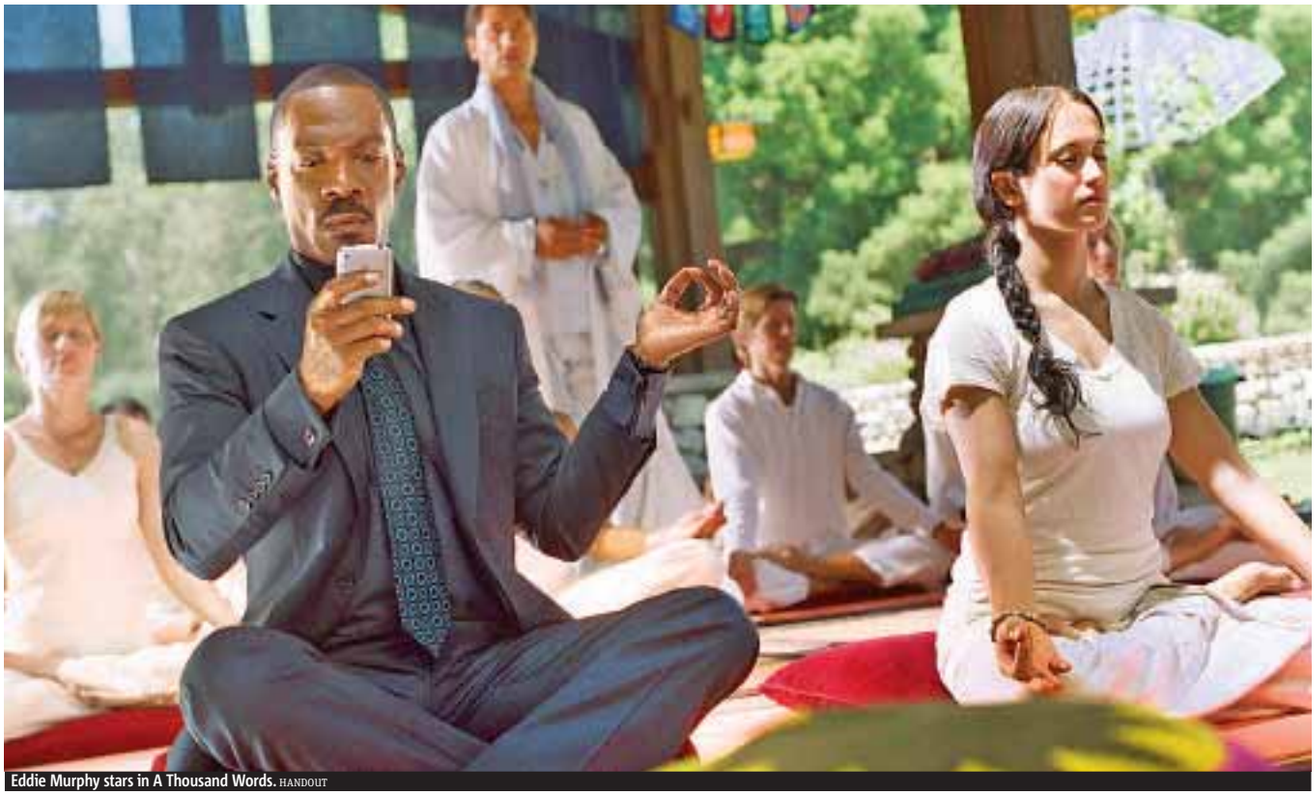
Trending

Get ready for iPad 3

Apple is set to unveil its iPad 3 at an invite-only event today. Metro has teamed up with Mike Yawney, the technology specialist with Citytv, to bring you the latest from the event. Visit metronews.ca/apple to follow Yawney as he tweets live from the announcement.

On the Web

Scan this code or visit metronews.ca/apple for more on the iPad 3 launch.



Eddie Murphy stars in A Thousand Words. HANDOUT

Going gaga for gurus

Spiritual humour. Comedy mixed with spirituality can work if done well — or prove toxic for both audiences and critics

IN FOCUS
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What do spiritual gurus and comedy have in common? More than you might think.

Deepak Chopra, possibly the world's most famous guru, says, "When your soul responds to the paradox of our existence, to the contradictions of our existence, to the fact that wherever there is joy there is suffering, when your soul recognizes this, it can do nothing except laugh."

In other words, chuckle — it's good for your soul.

These are words to live by, particularly if you are Eddie Murphy in A Thousand Words, opening this weekend. In this comedy, Murphy plays a shady literary agent who cheats a spiritual guru in a business deal. His punishment teaches him the value of every word that comes out of his mouth.

A Thousand Words isn't the first comedy to go gaga for gurus.

In the 1968 counter-culture hit I Love You, Alice B. Toklas!, Peter Sellers plays a 30-something who visits a maharishi for enlightenment. "You will know yourself when you stop trying," he is told. "I'm trying to stop trying," Sellers replies.

A year later came The Guru, a movie that echoed the real-life musical journey of Beatle George Harrison's internship with Ravi Shankar. Michael York starred as a famous British rock 'n' roller who travels from London to Bombay to study sitar at the feet of guru Ustad Zafar Khan.

Director James Ivory (who along with producer Ismail Merchant would go on to make Howard's End and The Remains of the Day) called The Guru "the most unseen and mysterious of our movies … Merchant Ivory's version of a '60s trip."

Sharing a title is the 2002 Jimi Mistry film about a young Indian man who moves to New York with dreams of becoming an actor but instead becomes a sex guru who doles out catchphrases such as, "the most powerful sexual organ is your brain."

In The Love Guru, Mike Myers mixed gross-out humour with spiritualism, a combo that proved toxic for both audiences and critics.

Even Mike's own guru agreed it flopped. "Humour mixed with spirituality can work, if it's done well," Deepak Chopra, who has a cameo in the film, said. "But frankly speaking, this was not a good attempt."

So what exactly do gurus and comedy have in common?

Myers says he learned from Chopra that "ha ha" is related to "ah ha," the sound one makes upon the realization of truth." Maybe it's that simple.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Posh Spice isn't always posh, or so she says

Perennial fashionista Victoria Beckham admits that she's not above slipping into a tracksuit and a pair of UGGs on occasion — but never in public.

"You'll never see me on the street in a tracksuit. I just love fashion too much to wear a tracksuit. The same goes for UGG boots. I only wear them at home," she tells Madame Figaro magazine. METRO

Victoria Beckham

Twitter

@ActuallyNPH
That Kirk Cameron is hilarious!

@oliviawilde
Pretty cool to be shooting on the same stage as The Big Sleep. And Space Jam

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Just listened to "Come Undone" by Duran Duran in the car. Sexiest thing I had ever heard in junior high.

@SethMacFarlane
I hear babies cry. I watch them grow. They'll learn much more than I'll ever know. And I think to myself: who brought babies to this bar?

Megan Fox says she definitely wants kids

For Megan Fox, having kids with husband Brian Austin Green is less a question of if than when.

"Of course. It will happen when it's meant to happen," she tells People magazine. "I've always really loved kids. I was a good babysitter. I've always loved babies. I relate to kids pretty well."

It doesn't hurt that she's also been a stepmom to Green's son, Kassius, who turns 10 next week. METRO

Megan Fox

Reality star off the rails

Tila Tequila: Was it an aneurysm, overdose or suicide attempt?

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Was Tila Tequila's recent hospitalization due to a brain aneurysm, a drug overdose or a suicide attempt? Whatever the reason, the former reality star is all kinds of WTF.

Radar Online is saying that a brain aneurysm made her "think irrationally" and ingest "two bottles of unspecified heavy prescription drugs."

"Tila threw up all over her bed after overdosing and felt like she was dying. She was screaming for help, and in desperation, broke her bedroom window and attempted to jump out," a source says.

"Finally, a friend came over after getting a strange text from her and found her convulsing on the bed. He called an ambulance and she was taken to the hospital."

Reports say Tequila was treated at two different hospitals over a week's span, but she's not out of the woods yet.

"She still can't fully speak properly," the source says. "It's sad to think she may have some permanent brain damage." But TMZ.com says all the drama was caused by a suicide attempt and that she'd been trying "kill herself all week."

We've said it once, we'll say it a million times: Mamas, don't let your daughters grow up to be reality TV stars.

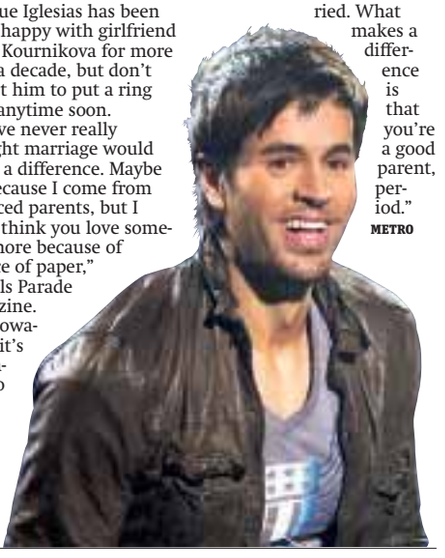
Tila Tequila ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Enrique's not a big believer in marriage

Enrique Iglesias has been quite happy with girlfriend Anna Kournikova for more than a decade, but don't expect him to put a ring on it anytime soon.

"I've never really thought marriage would make a difference. Maybe it's because I come from divorced parents, but I don't think you love someone more because of a piece of paper," he tells Parade magazine.

"Nowadays, it's not taboo to have kids and not be married. What makes a difference is that you're a good parent, period." METRO



Demi looking stronger and sun-kissed after her vacay, time in rehab

After a stint in rehab in Utah followed by a private Caribbean vacation, Demi Moore is back in Los Angeles, according to TMZ.

The actress was photographed stepping off a private jet looking tan and healthy.

Moore had departed from Nassau in the Bahamas and passed through Customs in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., before heading on to California.

This is the first time Moore has been home since shortly after being rushed to the hospital following a drug-related collapse in January. METRO

Demi Moore

Brooks laments friends in low places

An emotional Garth Brooks said his addition to the Country Music Hall of Fame at 50 is probably a little premature when you look at the long list of his influences who haven't yet been inducted. The Friends in Low Places singer transformed country music, but on Tuesday he was more interested in talking about the singers who transformed him. Brooks spoke during a news conference to announce he will be inducted later this year with singer Connie Smith and keyboard player Hargus "Pig" Robbins. "You're excited," Brooks said. "You feel very honoured. But at the same time there's this kind of guilt or, I don't know what it is, a kind of embarrassment, so you feel uneasy because I wouldn't be standing here today talking to you if it wasn't for Randy Travis. I wouldn't be standing here talking to you today if it wasn't for Ricky Skaggs, Keith Whitley, Steve Wariner, these guys. ... I think eventually they will get in, but it probably should've been before Garth Brooks came in. That's the whole feeling for the day." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Garth Brooks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kirk Cameron's former Growing Pains co-stars won't show him that smile

Born-again Christian and former Growing Pains star Kirk Cameron recently told CNN's Piers Morgan that being gay is "unnatural," "detrimental" and "ultimately destructive to so many of the foundations of civilization," and his remarks have earned him a considerable amount of blowback.

Among those criticizing Cameron? His former sitcom co-stars. Tracy Gold posted to Twitter, "I am a strong supporter of the LGBT Community, and I believe in equal rights for all," while Alan Thicke, who played Cameron and Gold's father on Growing Pains, posted, "I'm getting him some new books. The Old Testament simply can't be expected to explain everything." METRO

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Flower power

If you are looking for palm trees and white sand to escape the remnants of winter, look no farther than Philadelphia. Visitors to the city's International Flower Show can wander through a tropical paradise of sorts thanks to this year's theme, Hawaii: Islands of Aloha. The weeklong horticultural extravaganza opens Sunday. Exhibits include a fantasy surf shack, a beach wedding, a 7.5-metre-tall waterfall and a tribute to Pele, the Hawaiian goddess of fire. Hula dancers and musicians from the Aloha State will perform, and contestants will vie for prizes in daily floral arranging competitions modeled after the Iron Chef TV show.

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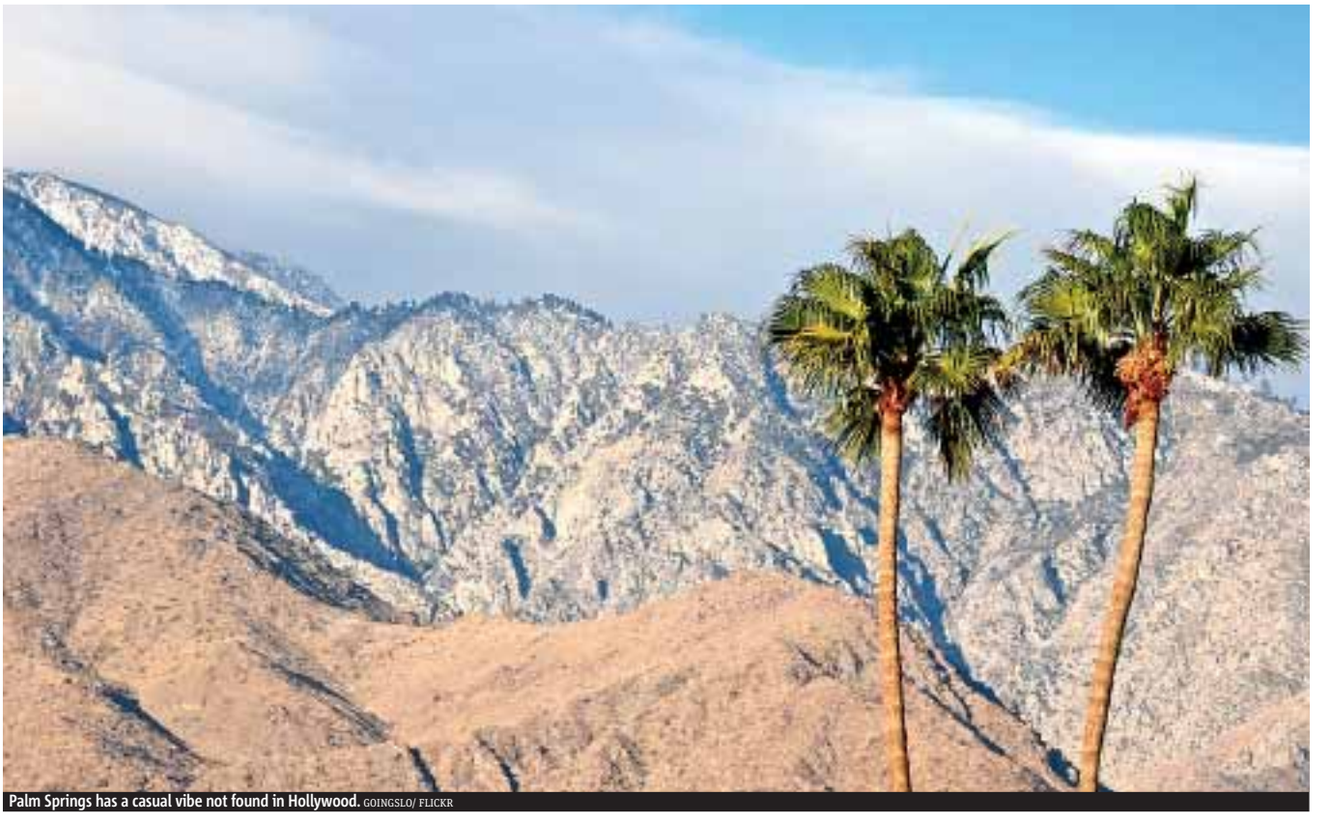
On the Web

Florida Keys offer rare motorcycle ride into the sun, over the sea



Palm Springs has a casual vibe not found in Hollywood. GOINGSLO/ FLICKR

The stars are brighter near the Mojave Desert

Palm Springs. The Travellin' Canadian checks out a Hollywood mecca

THE TRAVELLIN' CANADIAN
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There's more to Palm Springs than dusty desert and palm trees. In fact, this sunny vacation paradise has become a mecca for the rich and famous.

Not only did the city's late great celeb mayor Sunny Bono recreate Hollywood, with the California city's own walk of fame, he ushered in one of the most impressive film festivals in North America, right there in the middle of the Mojave.

It was a thrill for me to actually get a chance to hit the red carpet and hobnob with some of the biggest stars on the planet at a recent desert festival. The likes of none other than Leonardo DiCaprio and Clint Eastwood told me that even they were impressed with this desert oasis and what it's become. Palm Springs just has that laid back casual vibe, so it's not uncommon to see A-list celebs strolling on nearby Palm Canyon Drive, or having a drink at the very cool mid-century modern Parker Hotel, where the famous stay and play. Of course, stars have been linked to Palm Springs for many decades, and traces of that early Hollywood history still remain. Just off Palm Canyon drive, you can stroll by an unassuming house with a giant 'L' statue in the driveway. This happened to be the home of — you guessed it — flamboyant performer Liberace, who spent many happy years in the desert.

Nearby sits many other celeb getaways from a bygone era, including the homes of Kirk Douglas, Dean Martin and Marilyn Monroe. You can even rent the unassuming little rancher used by Elvis for his honeymoon with Priscilla back in the '60s. Many of the "Springs" famous old school watering holes and restaurants like Le Valeris and Melvin's have their walls covered with pics of famous regulars like Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr. Even the city's Desert Memorial Graveyard has become a tourist attraction, where many come to pay their respects to the final resting place of Frank Sinatra.

If you go...

- **Hit the hot tub at Palm Mountain Resort and Spa.** The perfect spot to unwind in the radiance of the desert sun, just steps from Palm Canyon Drive downtown.
- **Visit the Village Pub.** Great live music and cheap drinks at this little pub. One of my favourite places in town!

Darren Parkman with Clint Eastwood in Palm Springs DARREN PARKMAN

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Job search outside the lines

Most students have a very narrow view of what job opportunities are available to them based on their degree, but you can potentially put your education to use in almost any industry.

For example, as a finance student, don't only apply to banks. Check out or create finance-related jobs in other industries or types of businesses that may also need people in finance, which is every industry and business!

Start building your online presence

Develop a simple online portfolio or blog to showcase your work and include the URL on your resumés.

Don't have much work experience? Post relevant school projects, write blog posts about your industry to show how passionate you are, and display recommendations from former bosses, professors, co-workers and classmates.

Actively approach employers online

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@TalentEgg: What was your first summer job? What did you learn?

@HumairaRiaz
It was as a trainer aide. I picked up skills like marketing and human resource management and it was a lot of fun.

@EvanBirtch
I worked in catering 4 my Summer job, taught me about listening 2 what the customer really wanted;turned into a highschool career

@aanchal_
first summer job: AMC Theatres Film Crew Member. Learned that a smile and + outlook always impresses the boss!

@xrubylin
Cashier at #CaffeArtigiano eventually became a Barista, then a manager. Currently working as an intern in #ResearchInMotion #RIM

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@CoutureCreative
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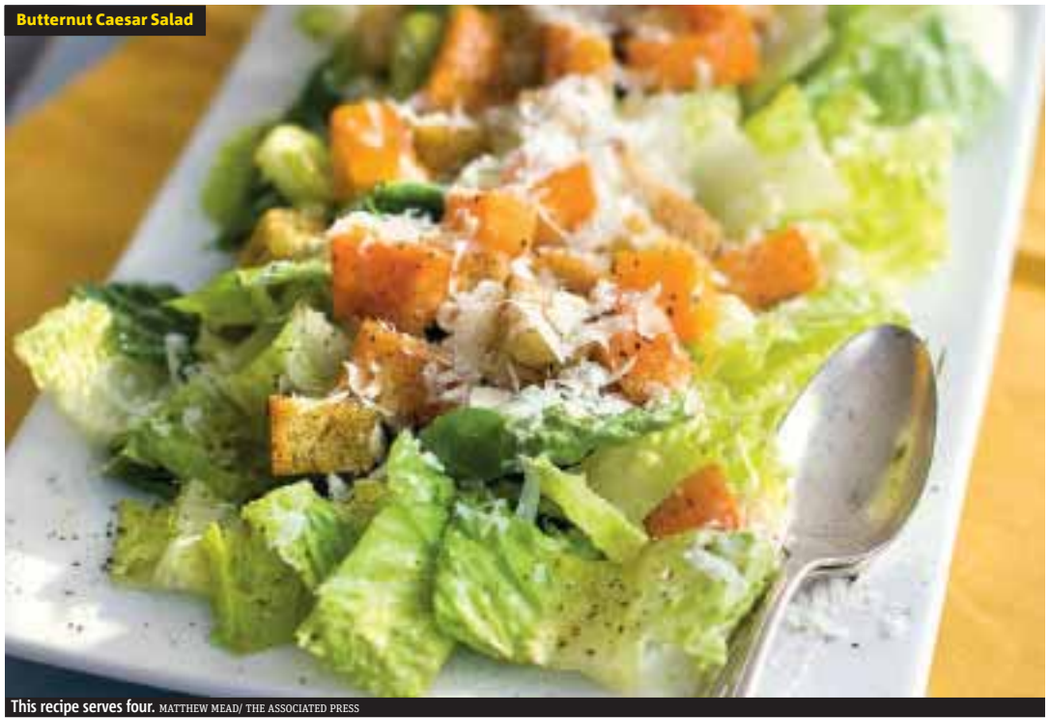
Butternut Caesar Salad

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No matter how delicious a caesar salad is, chilly temperatures tend to be a turnoff for all things leafy green.

Which is why tinkering with the basics of this classic salad can create a winter-friendly version that is true to its tangy, cheesy roots, but also hardy enough to be desirable on a cold night.

Keep the classic romaine base, but bulk it up with roasted cubes of butternut squash. Warm and substantial, butternut is the perfect base for a robust caesar dressing. Add to that some freshly made croutons and it's a perfect light dinner.

Want to make it more substantial? No need to dirty a pan. Slice some boneless, skinless chicken breasts into thin strips, season with salt, pepper and garlic powder, toss them on the baking sheet with the croutons and squash for the last 20 minutes of baking, then cut them into chunks and toss with the salad.

1 In a bowl, combine squash with 15 mL (1 tbsp) of the oil, tossing to coat. Season with pinch each of the salt and pepper, then transfer to one half of parchment paper lined baking sheet. Roast in preheated 200 C (400 F) oven for 10 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, place bread cubes in the same bowl, drizzle with remaining olive oil and toss to coat evenly. Season with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add bread to other half of baking sheet and roast for about 20 minutes or until squash is tender and croutons are crisp.

3 Dressing: In a blender, whirl olive oil, garlic, anchovies, lemon juice, Dijon, pepper and 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the Parmesan until smooth.

4 Place romaine in bowl, then drizzle with dressing and toss. Divide among 4 serving plates. Top each serving with squash and croutons, then drizzle with remaining dressing. Sprinkle each serving with some of the remaining Parmesan.

Ingredients

- 500 g (1 lb) peeled and cubed butternut squash
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 L (4 cups) cubed rustic bread
- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder

Dressing:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic
- 4 anchovy fillets
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) grated Parmesan, divided
- 2 heads romaine lettuce, chopped

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Unlikely flavours and textures mingle in Tomato and Sweet Potato soup

Marcona almonds are entirely different than the more common California almond. A higher fat content explains the textural difference — tender-crunchy and moist. As for flavour, think savoury and steak-like. It doesn't hurt they're typically processed by being fried in olive oil, then sprinkled with salt.

1 In a large saucepan over medium-high, heat oil. Add onion, garlic and sweet potato. Sauté for about 10 minutes or until sweet potato starts to brown.

2 Add diced tomatoes, tomato sauce and chicken broth. Bring to a simmer and cook for about 20 minutes or until potato is very tender.

3 Working in batches if needed, transfer soup to a blender and puree until smooth. Return soup to pan, stir in vinegar and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 500 ml (2 cups) peeled, diced sweet potato (1 large)
- 1 can (796 ml/28 oz) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (426 ml/15 oz) tomato sauce
- 500 ml (2 cups) chicken broth
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) balsamic vinegar
- Salt and ground black pe per, to taste
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped marcona almonds
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped fresh rosemary

4 In a small bowl, mix together almonds and rosemary. Ladle soup into serving bowls, then sprinkle almond mixture over each serving.

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Tomato and Sweet Potato Soup with Rosemary Marcona Almonds

This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Key Lime Smoothie

Treat yourself to a taste of the tropics with this filling breakfast smoothie. Featuring heart-healthy walnuts and chock-full of omega-3s and fibre-rich avocado, this breakfast replacement will give you the fuel you need to kick-start your day.

1 In a blender or using a hand blender, combine all ingredients and process until smooth, about 1 minute.

- 1/2 avocado
- 1/2 small banana
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) cold water
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) walnuts, chopped into halves or crumbs
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) low-fat coconut milk
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- Juice of 1 fresh lime

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Think outside the box when it comes to handing out your resumés. Your degree may offer more opportunities than you think. ISTOCK

Start up the search

The heat is on. Many companies have already started their summer hiring; take down these tips and get yourself out there as soon as possible.

LAUREN FRIESE
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Job search outside the lines

Most students have a very narrow view of what job opportunities are available to them based on their degree, but you can potentially put your education to use in almost any industry.

For example, as a finance student, don't only apply to banks. Check out or create finance-related jobs in other industries or types of businesses that may also need people in finance, which is every industry and business!

Start building your online presence

Develop a simple online portfolio or blog to showcase your work and include the URL on your resumés.

Don't have much work experience? Post relevant school projects, write blog posts about your industry to show how passionate you are, and display recommendations from former bosses, professors, co-workers and classmates.

Actively approach employers online

More and more employers are using online tools to market jobs and interact with potential candidates, so use them to your advantage! Find and target the companies and people you want to work for and make an effort to interact with them.

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Twitter

@TalentEgg: What was your first summer job? What did you learn?

@HumairaRiaz
It was as a trainer aide. I picked up skills like marketing and human resource management and it was a lot of fun.

@EvanBirtch
I worked in catering 4 my Summer job, taught me about listening 2 what the customer really wanted;turned into a highschool career

@aanchal_
first summer job: AMC Theatres Film Crew Member. Learned that a smile and + outlook always impresses the boss!

@xrubylin
Cashier at #CaffeArtigiano eventually became a Barista, then a manager. Currently working as an intern in #ResearchInMotion #RIM

@TalentEgg: Do you have any summer job search tips for other TalentEgg-ers?

@justinabraham
Start early and don't get easily discouraged! If you send out 10 resumes and get 2 responses, you are doing great!

@CoutureCreative
Best tip: persistence. That, and using networking and industry contacts to your advantage. Not all jobs are posted to the public.

@SaranRavindran
Keep track of applications, make a copy of job descriptions and cover letter used to apply. Simple tip, but many forget.

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4 SPORTS

Curling

"It's not fun in that one of us has to lose. We really need that win so we're going to have to come out and play well."

Alberta skip Kevin Koe on his upcoming match at the Tim Hortons Brier against his brother Jamie, who skips the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The brothers clash in Saskatoon on Wednesday morning. Alberta sat atop the leaderboard at 6-1 on Tuesday while the surprising team from the Territories were tied for second with Ontario at 5-1 before Tuesday's evening draw.

Crosby cleared for contact but remains cautious as ever

NHL. 'It's nice to be symptom-free, but it's not as fulfilling until you get out there,' says Penguins superstar

Sidney Crosby's head is clear. The superstar's return, however, remains murky.

The Pittsburgh Penguins captain participated in his first full practice since concussion-like symptoms resurfaced in December and there is growing optimism he'll be back before the playoffs begin next month.

Crosby insists there is no timetable on when he'll be cleared to play in a game, but he looked crisp while spending more than an hour on the Consol Energy Center ice.

"It's a good step," Crosby said Tuesday. "Hopefully, I can keep the momentum and get out there soon."

Though the headaches and motion issues that have bothered him intermittently since a loss to Boston on Dec. 5 have subsided, Crosby has been through this drill too often to get too excited.

The 24-year-old former MVP was spectacular in his return from a 10-month layoff in November, scoring twice in his season debut against the New York Islanders and collecting 12 points in eight games before he woke up with an all-too familiar feeling on Dec. 6.

During the initial comeback he was cleared for contact in early October and had to wait about six weeks before getting the OK to suit up for a game.

It may not take that long this time.

"I'm going to give myself days, for sure, of contact," Crosby said. "If you look at our schedule, we have two more practices, I think, this week. No sooner than Sunday I would say but I'm not going to sit here and put a date on it. It would be total guesswork."

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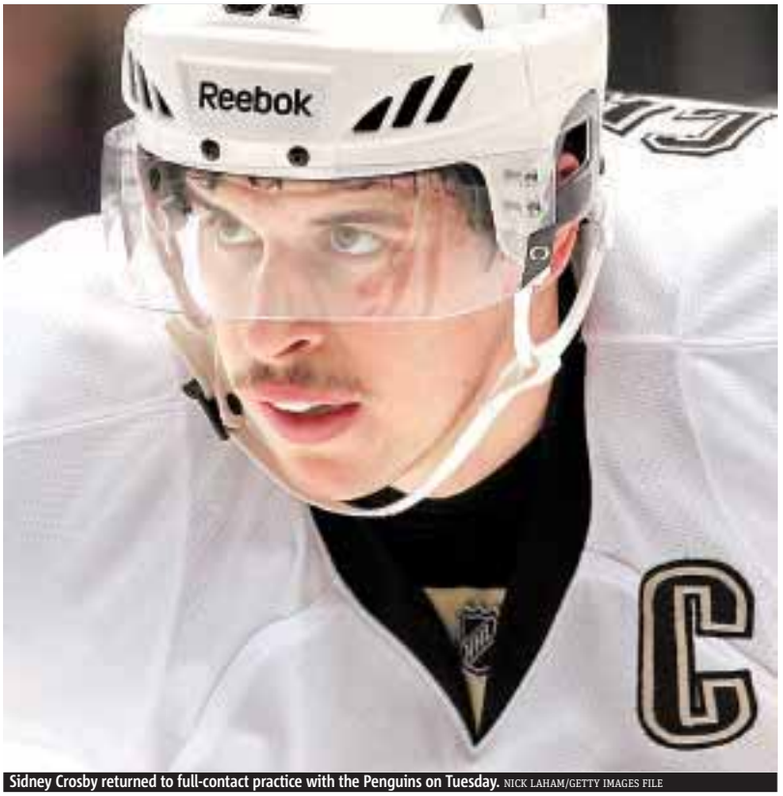
Coach's comments

"It was man-on-man type stuff, some puck battles.... We had him get through today, we'll see where we progress on day three, four, five and six."

Penguins coach Dan Bylsma on Sidney Crosby.



Sidney Crosby returned to full-contact practice with the Penguins on Tuesday. NICK LAHAM/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Colts, Manning breakup imminent: Report

Peyton Manning and the Colts will part ways on Wednesday, according to an ESPN report. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Peyton Manning era in Indianapolis is expected to end Wednesday, according to a report.

Citing anonymous sources, ESPN reported Tuesday that the Colts plan to hold a news conference to announce the long-expected decision. Manning is expected to attend.

Team owner Jim Irsay and Manning's agent, Tom Condon, did not immediately respond to messages left by The Associated Press. Team spokesman Avis Roper said he could not confirm the decision or the news conference because Irsay was out of town and unreachable.

Manning turns 36 later this month, and missed the entire 2011 season after a third neck surgery. Before that, he'd never missed a game in his 13 NFL seasons.

He is owed a $28 million roster bonus on Thursday, and with the Colts holding the top draft pick, they apparently have decided it was too risky and pricey to keep the four-time league MVP.

Manning is the Colts' career leader in every major passing category, one of only four players in NFL history to throw for more than 50,000 yards and is third all-time in touchdown passes (399). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Injury timeline

- **During the 2009 off-season, after a Super Bowl loss,** Manning had his first neck surgery.
- **Then, after an early playoff exit in 2010,** he had another neck surgery to repair a nerve causing weakness in his arm.
- **Last July, Irsay signed Manning** to a new five-year, $90 million extension. But the nerve did not heal as quickly as expected and Manning had two vertebrae fused together, forcing him to miss the season.

NFL

Moss works out for Saints

The New Orleans Saints held a workout on Tuesday with veteran receiver Randy Moss, who is trying to make a comeback after a year out of pro football. The club did not provide any details on how the 35-year-old performed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Leafs re-up with centre Grabovski

The Toronto Maple Leafs signed centre Mikhail Grabovski to a $27.5-million US, five-year contract extension on Tuesday. He was due to become an unrestricted free agent July 1.

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Mikhail Grabovski
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NFL

Saints brass take bounty blame

New Orleans coach Sean Payton and general manager Mickey Loomis take "full responsibility" for the bounty program run by former assistant coach Gregg Williams, and said it will never happen again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

"It's like when you're getting remarried and you are renewing your vows. That's how I feel."

Centre-fielder Andrew McCutchen who agreed to a to a six-year, $51.5 million deal with the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday.

Softer grille is the new style

ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

Review. Honda charts a slight course correction for its popular all-roader

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

It has been said that the eyes are the window to the soul. In automotive terms, perhaps the same can be said for the grille.

More specifically, Honda's eight-passenger Pilot that was redesigned for the 2009 model year projected a go-anywhere strength and ruggedness.

Too tough, maybe. A restyle for 2012 softens the look for friendlier, more aesthetically pleasing demeanor.

Added to the grille adjustment, the Pilot receives new headlamps along with new and repositioned turn signals and a revised front air dam that reduces fuel-robbing aerodynamic drag.

What remains pretty much hidden from view is the Pilot's familial connection to Honda's premium-division Acura MDX.

Both of these unique wagons share the same basic platform, but from that point the comparison pretty much ends.

The Pilot's squared-off shape reinforces its sport utility-vehicle leanings, although ground-clearance limitations restrict the fun to boulder-free terrain and shin-deep – as opposed to knee-deep – mud. Even so, fording a 48-centimetre-deep body of standing water is apparently no problem for this rig.

Taken in its entirety, the modestly tweaked 2012 Pilot isn't a whole lot different.

But in a category where impressions count, this Honda puts its best face forward and backs it up with sufficient comfort and capability to win the day.

2012 Honda Pilot

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/four-wheel-drive eight-passenger sport utility vehicle.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 11.8/7.8 (FWD).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $36,400.

5 DRIVE

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Life is comfortable inside the Hyundai Elantra GLS.

It's quiet too, except for the flipping-map-page sounds that my wife Lisa Calvi is making.

We are relaxed and joke about all the things we'll do on our escape from North America's gloomy, frozen winter.

Traffic is speedy on the four-lane freeway and even though the cruise control is set precisely at the 120 km/h speed limit, almost every car on the road is passing us. In the late afternoon the sun is high, looking more like noon.

My mind wanders then focuses on the last time I drove this Chilean section of the Pan American Highway. That was 25 years ago and instead of motoring south to the Colchugua Valley in a nimble and sporty Elantra, it was north in a diesel pick-up truck. It wasn't my loving wife beside me but burley Montana-based Rolling Stone magazine writer Tim Cahill.

The interior of the Elantra is neat and tidy. There's perfect instrumentation, my iPhone on the centre console and laptop computers in the back seat beside a Nikon digital camera.

Want to touch base with home? Simply pick up that iPhone and call, text or email. No need, we'll be in Santa Cruz, hub of the Colchugua Valley winery area, settled into the cosy Hotel TerraVina in an hour. Our biggest problem will be deciding whether to try the upscale Italian Restaurant across the vineyard or the cute Peruvian one down the road for a late sunset dinner.

Quote

"Driving Chilean secondary roads is like playing an arcade game. Traffic moves at a lively clip and tailgating seems a national sport as drivers prepare to pass."
Garry Sowerby

Twenty-five years ago when Tim and I were at this point in the first production 1988 GMC 3500 diesel Sierra pick-up, things were different. We had driven non-stop for three days from Ushuaia on the Argentina side of Tierra del Fuego, about the same duration since Lisa and I arrived in Santiago.

The Sierra was filthy inside and out. Tired and wound tight with what lay ahead, we looked and smelled the part; bleary-eyed young men bent on setting a new record for the quickest time from the bottom to the top of the Americas to set a Guinness record. We were hoping to rendezvous with a container ship in Carthana, Columbia on Day 11 of the quest. We had no iPhone, laptop computers or digital cameras because they did not exist. Texting, email, fax machines or a freeway Chilean sector of the Pan American Highway? Dream on.

Day tripping south of the equator makes for long days as the sun goes down at 10 p.m. in the winter. GARRY SOWERBY/WHEELBASE MEDIA

"Take the Carrtera del Vino exit four kilometres past San Fernando then its about 45 minutes to the hotel." Lisa snaps me out of the daydream.

Over the next week we slip into vacation mode as every day seems like two. With sunset close to 10 p.m. winter days are long that far south of the equator. Life at Hotel TerraVina surrounded by a seemingly endless vineyard is relaxed.

A week in Chile's premium wine-making area tucked in the Andean foothills 200 kilometres south of the sprawling capital Santiago is like an all-inclusive holiday, indeed. However, rather than being trapped in the confines of a Caribbean or Mexican beach resort with throngs of North American vacationers, Colchagua Valley with its meandering back roads, superb wineries and funky commercial hub, Santa Cruze, is a resort all its own.

On the 11th day, we load the Hyundai for the three-hour drive back to Santiago and our flight home. As I set the Elantra's cruise control at 120 km/h, I look over at Lisa. She is tanned and relaxed as she checks e-mail on her iPhone.

"There's a message here from the airline," she says. "Looks like the Business Class upgrades have come through."

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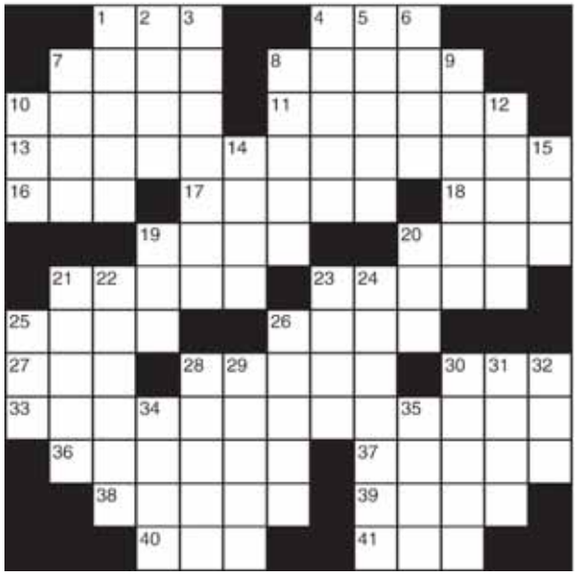

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4 "Undeniably"
7 Pop
8 Knighted women
10 Dark
11 Gather
13 Paid
16 Possess
17 66, for example
18 Dead heat
19 "Green Acres" setting
20 Old fogy
21 2009 news-making pilot, familiarly
23 San Diego athlete
25 Sicilian spouter
26 Small pie
27 In favor of
28 Paces
30 Glutton
33 Behaving
36 Throw off the tracks
37 Particular occasion
38 Type of cotton thread
39 Tittle
40 That woman
41 Bookkeeper (Abr.)

Down

1 Punctuation marks
2 Rewrite, maybe
3 Sideways
4 Pleasure boat
5 Host
6 Belgrade native
7 Winter forecast
8 Fact
9 Swain
10 Venusian vessel?
12 Drop a sound
14 "Finding Nemo" character
15 Virgo neighbor
19 Orlando st.
20 Banned pesticide
21 Got up
22 Play out, as fishing line
23 Maze option
24 "— and Old Lace"
25 Sala-mander
26 Piece of info on a marquee
28 Grit your teeth
29 Spry
30 1492 craft
31 Erstwhile Peruvian
32 "Gosh!"
34 Rainbow
35 Circle

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Monday's answer

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Sudoku

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

6	2	5	1	7	9	8	4
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3	4	1	2	8	5	6	9
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7	1	6	8	5	2	9	3
5	8	4	6	9	3	2	7
9	5	7	3	1	8	4	6
1	3	2	9	6	4	7	5
4	6	8	5	2	7	3	1

Send a kiss

- **MY MAN.** okay maybe not today, but tomorrow or that next day for sure. i dont even know why were arguing anyways LOL but i waanna talk to you so imma do it, it would be easier if you would meet me in the library by those round tables at the back at 1124. Ill be waiting:P love you From extraextralious
- **Vikky Prince.** hi tori you dont know how happy i am its true you promised to come here to your home but didnt still i am glad that you are in calgary and with your family HAPPY FREEDOME. From Jose
- **Bimmervalt Secret Crush.** It has been 8 months and my feelings for you get deeper and deeper by the second. I love you although you don't. I know I'm such a loser!!! From Loser
- **Blitz.** I had such a good time being big spoon last night, you are the perfect little spoon. Call me so we can do it again soon! From TheGayGhost
- **Sexy Redhead in Eng Phys.** I think I have the eigenfunction, to satisfy your eigenvalue problem. Nerd love <3. From Eng Phys Lady to be

Weather

	TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	MAX: -8° MIN: -13°	MAX: -1° MIN: -10°	MAX: 1° MIN: -14°

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. Someone on the work front is giving you a hard time at the moment but you are advised to stay calm and not let your anger get the better of you

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You will defend someone you don't much like today.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. If you fear the worst today then the worst will most likely happen.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. The approaching full moon warns there is a real chance you will bite off more than you can chew and end up looking silly.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You will either get an extraordinary amount of work done today or no work at all

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You feel you deserve more than you are currently getting, and no doubt you are right, but it won't just happen as if by magic.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. This could be and should be a beneficial time for you, but good things won't just fall into your lap.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You will get lucky in some way today, but you may feel guilty about it as those around you have to deal with a series of misfortunes.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Someone in a position of authority will put you to the test over the next few days and you will need all your mental and emotional strength to win through.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Don't waste your time on people who are either too lazy or too stupid to work things out for themselves.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Give your mind and body a rest over the next 24 hours

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Believe in yourself and have faith in your abilities.

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